

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 171, 2/23/2007; HB 193,  
2/23/2007; HB 264, 2/23/2007  
Executive Action: HB 264, HB 193, HB 171

00:02:44 Chairman Tropila

**HEARING ON HB 171**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:59 REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 171, One-time deferral of hunter education for first-time hunter.

**Proponents:**

00:06:02 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fis49a01)**

00:07:34 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:07:55 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:03 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. Hamilton

00:09:50 Sen. Bales to Rep. Hamilton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:12 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 193**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:37 REP. BILL NOONEY (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise laws for disabled hunters/hunting allowed from off-highway vehicles.

**Proponents:**

00:12:50 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

00:13:11 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:13:39 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

**EXHIBIT(fis49a02)**

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:24 Sen. Gallus to Rep. Nooney

00:15:03 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:16:10 Sen. Tropila to Chris Smith, FWP

00:16:41 Jerry Meyer, Liaison, Federal Forest Service

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:44 Rep. Nooney

**HEARING ON HB 264**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:16 **REP. RALPH HEINERT (R), HD 1**, opened the hearing on **HB 264**, Allow 2 fishing rods per boat or shore angler in lakes & reservoirs.

**Proponents:**

00:19:02 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

00:19:20 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:19:49 David Liedle, Owner of Tackle Shop

00:20:18 Chris Smith, FWP

**EXHIBIT(fis49a03)**

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:07 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:23:01 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:15 Rep. Heinert

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264**

00:25:28 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 264 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193**

00:26:15 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 193 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

00:26:37 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, FWP

00:29:11 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:30:44 Sen. Balyeat

00:31:20 SEN. GALLUS withdrew his motion on HB 193.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 171**

00:31:37 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 171 BE CONCURRED  
IN.

**Discussion:**

00:31:53 Sen. Bales

00:32:13 Sen. Bales

00:32:32 Sen. Gallus

00:32:40 Sen. Jent

00:33:39 SEN. BALYEAT withdrew his motion on HB 171.

**Discussion:**

00:34:00 Sen. Barkus

00:35:06 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 171 BE TABLED.  
SEN. GALLUS withdrew his TABLE motion

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

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SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fis49aad.pdf](#))**